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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD OF VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF
CHARTER OAK (ISLANDS), CITRUS (COVINA ISLANDS),
AND SOUTH SAN JOSE HILLS
AND IN THE VICINITIES OF ALTADENA, AZUSA, COVINA,
HACIENDA HEIGHTS, LA CRESCENTA, ROWLAND HEIGHTS,
VALINDA, AND WEST PUENTE VALLEY
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 4, AND 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to award public works construction contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute construction contracts for work in the unincorporated communities of Charter Oak (Islands), Citrus (Covina Islands), and South San Jose Hills and in the vicinities of Altadena, Azusa, Covina, Hacienda Heights, La Crescenta, Rowland Heights, Valinda, and West Puente Valley.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute construction contracts and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance certificates filed by the contractors for the following:

- Project ID No. RDC0015346 – Construction of Sidewalks near Valleydale, Northam, and Villacorta Elementary Schools, for construction of curb and gutter, sidewalk, curb ramps, and cross gutters and furnishing and planting of parkway trees, in the unincorporated communities of Charter Oak (Islands), Citrus (Covina Islands), and South San Jose Hills, to Gentry Brothers, Inc., in the amount

of \$772,530.50; and

- Project ID No. RMD1546058 – As-Needed Parkway Tree Planting – Maintenance District 1, Fiscal Year 2013-14, for planting of parkway trees on an as-needed basis, in the vicinities of Altadena, Azusa, Covina, Hacienda Heights, La Crescenta, Rowland Heights, Valinda, and West Puente Valley, to Willowbrook Landscape, Inc., in the amount of \$249,058.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval of the projects from the Board to award these construction contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance certificates filed by the contractors for each of these projects.

On July 9, 2013, Agenda Item 28, and July 2, 2013, Agenda Item 31, the Board approved the projects; adopted the plans and specifications; called for bids to be received on August 6, 2013, and July 30, 2013, respectively; and instructed the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the projects.

The project descriptions, call for bids and bid opening dates, tabulation of bids, and financial information are included in the enclosures for each respective project. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed.

The recommended award of construction contracts is necessary to execute Board-directed and approved Department of Public Works projects in support of operational missions. The Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and the subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). Awarding these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and enhance the quality of life in the affected communities and vicinities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

These actions will have no impact to the County General Fund.

The enclosures for each project include the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate, the other bids received, and more detailed fiscal and financial information.

Sufficient funds for Project ID No. RDC0015346 are included in the First and Fifth Supervisorial Districts' Road Construction programs in the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Road Fund Budget.

Sufficient funds for Project ID No. RMD1546058 are included in the First, Fourth, and Fifth Supervisorial Districts' Road Construction Programs in the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Road Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The contract agreements will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel. The recommended contracts were solicited on an open-competitive basis and are in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and County requirements. The contractors are in compliance with the Chief Executive Officer's and the Board's requirements.

The award of these contracts will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. These contracts contain terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County of Los Angeles' Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; and Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; Local Business Enterprise Preference Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.204; and the standard Board directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure the contracts are awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by each respective contractor was considered before making this recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for these projects and are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Each of these projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time the Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosures for each project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contracts were solicited on an open-competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the State Public Contract Code.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, these projects were listed on the County website for upcoming bids. Public Works will review and approve the Faithful Performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These construction contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities and vicinities where the work is scheduled.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The script is cursive and fluid.

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide
Contract Compliance)

AWARD OF CONTRACT
October 8, 2013

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0015346 – Construction of Sidewalks near Valleydale, Northam, and Villacorta Elementary Schools, (in the unincorporated communities of Charter Oak (Islands), Citrus (Covina Islands), and South San Jose Hills), Supervisorial Districts 1 and 5.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: July 9, 2013 (Agenda Item 28)

BID OPENING DATE: August 6, 2013

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of curb and gutter, sidewalk, curb ramps, and cross gutters; furnishing and planting of parkway trees; and the performance of other appurtenant work.

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Gentry Brothers, Inc. 384 Live Oak Avenue Irwindale, California 91706 (626) 357-9631	\$ 772,530.50
2	P T M General Engineering Services, Inc.	\$ 838,806.75
3	Ruiz Engineering Company	\$ 855,575.38
4	Grigolla & Sons Construction Company, Inc.	\$ 862,423.00
5	Torres Construction Corporation	\$ 897,403.00
6	Bitech Construction Company, Inc.	\$ 919,578.00
7	Nobest, Inc.	\$ 930,000.00
8	F S Construction	\$ 980,142.00
9	Kalban, Inc.	\$1,174,901.00
10	Vido Samarzich, Inc.	\$1,307,042.75

C-1 Construction Corporation submitted a bid in the amount of \$760,606.25; however, its bid proposal is considered nonresponsive because it failed to perform contract work amounting to at least 50 percent of the contract price as specified in the Instructions to Bidders and the Standard Specifications. We recommend its bid be found nonresponsive.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$ 736,152.50
Amount of recommended contract	\$ 772,530.50
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 36,378.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 4.9 percent above the estimate.

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

This project will be administered utilizing State Transportation grant funding under the State Safe Routes to School Program under existing County/State Master Agreement No. 77276. Under this program, the maximum eligible project cost amount of \$895,500 will be financed using the State grant.

Financing for this project is included in the First and Fifth Supervisorial Districts' Road Construction Programs in the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Road Fund Budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On July 9, 2013, Agenda Item 28, the Board found this project categorically exempt from the provisions of California Environmental Quality Act.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 55 working days. It is estimated the work will start in December 2013 and be completed March 2014

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. RMD1546058 – As-Needed Parkway Tree Planting – Maintenance District 1, Fiscal Year 2013-14, (in the vicinities of Altadena, Azusa, Covina, Hacienda Heights, La Crescenta, Rowland Heights, Valinda, and West Puente Valley), Supervisorial Districts 1, 4, and 5.

TYPE OF WORK: Planting of parkway trees on an as-needed basis.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: July 2, 2013 (Agenda Item 31)

BID OPENING DATE: July 30, 2013

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Willowbrook Landscape, Inc. 14930 Farmington Street Hesperia, California 92345 (760) 713-5686	\$249,058.00
2	Aramexx Group, Inc., dba, Aramexx Construction	\$298,963.92
3	Thrifty Tree Service, Inc.	\$584,360.00

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$299,999.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$249,058.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 50,941.00

The amount of recommended contract is 17 percent below the estimate.

Financing for this project is included in the First, Fourth, and Fifth Supervisorial Districts' Road Construction Programs in the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Road Fund Budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On July 2, 2013, Agenda Item 31, the Board found this project categorically exempt from the provisions of California Environmental Quality Act.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

This contract is for a one-year period beginning in September 2013 and ending in August 2014.

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